

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

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In re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.,)	Master File No. IP 00-9374-C-B/S
TIRES PRODUCTS LIABILITY)	MDL No. 1373
LITIGATION)	(centralized before Hon. Sarah Evans
_____)	Barker, Judge)
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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL)	
ACTIONS)	

CLARIFYING NOTICE IN AID OF THE
INJUNCTION OF JULY 18, 2003

On this date the Court has issued its injunction pursuant to the Mandate of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit received by this court on July 16, 2003. The Court now issues this Notice in an effort to clarify in certain respects the language of the Seventh Circuit incorporated in that injunction and in aid of that order.

The only certified nationwide class action identified in the arguments before the Seventh Circuit, and thus the only action to which the Seventh Circuit specifically referred in its decision of June 20, 2003, is *Davison v. Ford Motor Company, et al.*, No. 00-C2298 (Eighth Circuit Court of Tennessee, Twentieth Judicial District at Nashville) ("*Davison*"). The *Davison* case is well known to this court as a result of our consideration and ruling upon the plaintiffs' motion for remand to state court on April 11,

2003. Referring to this case, the Seventh Circuit noted its expectation that the class certification ruling “ultimately will be vacated. . . .” Based on these circumstances, this court is of the view that the injunction mandated by the Seventh Circuit applies to the *Davison* case. We therefore hereby notify the litigants and other interested parties that the members of the class certified in *Davison* and their counsel are encompassed by the term “members of the putative national classes, and their lawyers” referenced in the Seventh Circuit’s Mandate and enjoined by today’s order in compliance with that Mandate. Moreover, the injunction issued today by this court does not apply in the context of nationwide settlement classes, as such cases were explicitly exempted by the Seventh Circuit because they “pose different issues.”

It is so ORDERED this _____ day of July, 2003.

SARAH EVANS BARKER, JUDGE
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